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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The organization, Pretzel City USA, was founded in 1998 with the express mission to support the city of Freeport; the organization was influential in the Freeport City Council's decision to adopt "Pretzel City U.S.A." as the city's official nickname; and

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WHEREAS, The pretzel became the trademark for Freeport when the Billerbeck Baker, which was established in 1869, flooded Freeport with pretzels; Freeport High School's athletic teams adopted the name "Pretzels" and are now on ESPN's Hall of Fame list of unusual mascots; and

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WHEREAS, Pretzel City USA capitalized on Freeport's rich history and relationship with the pretzel; it brought attention and pride to Freeport with its sponsorship of the Pretzel Festival, featured on the nationally and internationally watched Food Network cable channel; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Pretzel City USA for bringing recognition to the City of Freeport; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the Mayor of Freeport, George Gaulrapp, as an
2 expression of our esteem.